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ATTACKING MR. LOWELL

There is no doubt that Mr. Lowell placed the chief commissioner of public works in a very unpleasant position on Friday last, but that is hardly an excuse for the vicious attack made on him in The Gleaner last night. The Gleaner may not know it—its associations are such that it is highly improbable that it does know that Mr. Lowell's reputation for honesty and veracity stands as high as that of any member of the House, and higher than some members of the Government, whose support The Gleaner finds one of the best assets of its business.

Mr. Lowell belongs to the class of men who have made their own way in the world and made it by honesty, integrity and fair dealing. It is not possible for a characterless paper like The Gleaner to smirch Mr. Lowell's character or impeach his truthfulness. What Mr. Lowell said regarding the expenditure of road money during the election in St. John county was true—absolutely true, every word of it, and Mr. Morrissey, himself, admitted the truth of Mr. Lowell's statements in the House last night. What he said concerning the parade of the road machine in Lancaster election day was also true.

A cloud of witnesses can be secured at any time to prove that the road machine was driven past the polling booth while Mr. Hazen stood there. Men alongside of Mr. Hazen saw the machine go by. Mr. Hazen says he did not see it. Mr. Lowell said Mr. Hazen was a gentleman and when he stated he did not see it, he was prepared to accept that statement as true.

Mr. Lowell also told the truth when he said the road machine had been out exposed to the weather all winter. This can be proved by the entire population of Musquash, excepting Warden Wean, who is quoted as saying that the machine was under cover. It was there on Saturday last, and if it was not removed, it is there yet. It is useless to attempt to draw such a red herring across the trail to deceive the people of the province into the belief that Mr. Lowell has done something wrong, and is an unreliable person anyway.

Mr. Lowell acted quite within his rights. He desired to show that the government of New Brunswick had used the highway act for the purpose of getting votes for its candidate, Mr. Mosher, and that expenditure had been hidden away in the public works report in such a way that no trace of it would be found. Mr. Morrissey proved last night that every statement Mr. Lowell made was correct in every detail. To justify himself Mr. Morrissey produced an order in council authorising the expenditure by the public works department on certain roads, in sparsely settled districts, in St. John county. The order was made on July 6th, while the election was on. Then Mr. Morrissey was further compelled to admit that these expenditures were paid for by a check issued to William Stymest secretary of the Lancaster Highway Board, and an appointee of the government, instead of to Charles Morrison, who did the work. The highway board knew nothing of the work. They did not order it done. It was never before them in any way. The government ordered the expenditure, and employed the commissioner.

The sending of the check to Mr. Stymest was in direct violation of what Mr. Morrissey said was the rule of the department, which sent individual checks to the men employed on the work. There is the strongest possible evidence against the government and against the public works department that could be produced of attempting to hide away the expenditure so that it could not be traced. First, they made an expenditure for the purpose of influencing votes and then they tried to conceal knowledge of that expenditure from the public. Caught in their own net they employ their assassin organ to assail Mr. Lowell's truthfulness. Such tactics are despicable, but not unworthy of the men who conducted the campaign of malicious misrepresentation and deceit in the general election of 1908.

THE PLATFORM GONE

The last plank of the Hazen platform is gone. Last evening Mr. Fleming introduced a bill to add \$200,000 to the bonded debt of the province for the erection of permanent bridges or rather such bridges as the Provincial Engineer will say are of a permanent character. This is broader legislation as to the classification of bridges that was ever asked for by the old government. It practically permits the government to classify any and every new bridge erected in the province as a permanent structure. The Act first recites that all of the \$350,000 provided for by the act of 1907 has been expended and that \$200,000 more are necessary.

When in opposition the present government used to contend that the expenditures of the old government for permanent bridges should have been paid out of ordinary revenue and that the issue of bonds for such work was criminal extravagance, yet with a revenue of practically \$200,000 more than the old government ever had this honest, practical and economical government has taken advantage of the legislation on the Statute books and added annually to the bonded debt for bridges which they said should have paid for out of ordinary revenue. Here is a brief statement of the total of the bond issues for permanent bridges at the close of the fiscal years named:

1907	\$1,275,891.72
1908	1,448,483.61
1909	1,634,585.77

The total addition to the bonded debt for permanent bridges last year was the large sum of \$196,102.16. But this was not all. They transferred, just before the close of the fiscal year, the sum of \$15,679.75 from ordinary bridge expenditure to permanent bridges to save themselves from a deficit. Since the close of the fiscal year this has been increased by \$33,037.44 the money to pay which was borrowed from the bank of British North America. These expenditures total \$48,717.19 and were made without legislative sanction of any kind. Now they want \$200,000 more which practically means that in two years the permanent bridge expenditures will have added \$400,000 to the bonded debt. It will be urged in extenuation of this piratical attack on the treasury that it was the legislation of the old government that carried the expenditure. This is not true. The present government need not have issued a bond or built a bridge if they had not wanted to do so. There are several acts passed by the old government which the present administration has ignored. They could have taken the same course with the permanent bridges Act had they desired to do so. Such was evidently not their desire.

THE CIVIC ELECTION

The election yesterday was very quietly conducted, notwithstanding the keen interest that was felt in it by every class of citizens. There were many surprises in the result, as every one in the contest was disposed to the opinion that he would come out a victor. Perhaps there are some heart burnings as well. From a citizen's standpoint Fredericton has chosen a good city council, and with the exception of two all have had previous experience at the council board, which should be of material assistance in administering the affairs of the city. It is to this business that the council should devote its labors during the ensuing year. There is more than one issue in the administration of the financial affairs of a city and this should not be lost sight of. Fredericton needs many things to make the city what it should be, but there are limitations to the corporate as to the individual purse. The tax rate is high enough now and it will require great wisdom to prevent a further rise and still keep the city abreast of the times in modern improvements. The council will be wise in its day and generation if it keeps this fact in view and successfully works out a policy of better government at a lower cost to the people.

HOLLANDERS FOR IRRIGATED LANDS

(Special to the Mail.)

Winnipeg, March 15.—An advance guard of 500 natives of Holland who intend settling on irrigated lands in Alberta, arrived here today by special train. J. Bruce Walker, commissioner of immigration, says these are but fore-runners of big influx from Holland and should prove valuable settlers.

\$200,000,000 FOR SUPPORT OF THE BRITISH NAVY

London, March 14.—There was a great scene in the house of lords when Lord Rosebery moved that the house resolve itself into a committee to consider proposals of reform. Lord Rosebery declared that the hereditary principle had outlived the peerage and should not of itself entitle the bearer to vote in the house of lords. Nothing but an election from the outside, nothing but contact with national life opinion would solve the difficulty. He suggested a reduced upper house by empowering a great portion of the county councils to elect a proportion of the members.

Referring to the government's attitude to the proposals, Rosebery asked "What will be the effect on the empire when these resolutions of the government are made known. Will not they bring about some diminution of confidence? The empire, guided by a single chamber, is liable to every form of impulse, every gust of popular enthusiasm. Your strength as the centre will not allow any forcing pace for your colonies. They will ask. Are the second chambers for external application only? Are they of no use to the mother country, which insisted on receiving them sometimes very unwillingly."

"If this is not deliberately digging the grave of your empire; I cannot conceive of anything else. (Cheers). You will have shaken the faith of every part of your dominions in the stability of your constitution and, what is worse than all, the instability of your race; and when all the belief and stability of your race is gone your empire will not be long following."

Lord Onslow said he subsequently hoped for some suggestion from the overseas dominions regarding the manner which it would be most acceptable for them to be represented in the upper house.

Lord Morely indicated the government's indifference towards the proposed committee and said the lords had committed homicide by rejecting the budget; now it is asked to commit suicide by denouncing itself as entirely unfit to have done the very thing it had done.

WESTERN FIELDS CLEAR OF SNOW

(Special to the Mail.)

Winnipeg, Man., March 15.—Plowed fields in many parts of the west are clear of snow and with a few days' continuance of present springlike weather seeding can be commenced.

OLD-FASHIONED TEA MEETING

The ladies of the Methodist Church will hold a Supper in the Vestry on

Wednesday Eve., Mar. 16th.

All the good things of the Season provided, including Turkeys, etc.

DON'T FORGET THE DATE!

Supper From 5 O'clock
TICKETS - - 50c.

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"Pete Among Indians"
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4 pieces Natural Pongee 33 in. wide, 49c. "

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